Fact Sheet

Governor's S.A.F.E. Communities Program Federal & Other Grants

Office of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius



State of Kansas Wireless Enhanced 911 State Grant

Kansas Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Diane Gage, Chair PSAP serving over 15,000

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The Kansas Legislature enacted the Wireless Enhanced 911 Act, K.S.A. 12-5321 et seq. in 2004. The law provides funding to help agencies make the required improvements to establish the enhanced wireless service. Funds are generated from a 25-cent-monthly fee imposed on each wireless service account in the state. The law also established the Kansas Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board (KWEAB). The Board's members are statutorily appointed. The Governor's Grants Program provides the staffing to the KWEAB and day-to-day management of the grant.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Act provides funding for necessary and reasonable costs incurred by Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) for the following: 1) Implementing wireless enhanced 911 services; 2) Purchasing equipment or upgrades and modifying equipment used solely to process the data elements of wireless enhanced 911 services; and 3) Maintaining license fees for such equipment and training of personnel to operate such equipment, including costs to train personnel to provide effective services to all users of the emergency telephone system who have communication disabilities.

Any county having a population of less than 75,000, any city located within such a county, or any two or more such counties or cities are eligible for E911 grant funding. The Wireless Enhanced 911 Act places a 50-cent monthly fee per wireless subscriber account. The State of Kansas receives 25-cents of the fee to fund the Wireless Enhanced 911 state grant program (E911). The Kansas Association of Counties receives the other 25-cents and the League of Kansas Municipalities disperses the money to local units of government based on the access line's zip-plus four number. In addition, the E911 state grant program receives one-percent of the retail price for any prepaid wireless phone service sold in Kansas.

The new law requires statewide implementation of wireless enhanced 911 by 2010. Each PSAP program must submit to its wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 services by July 1, 2006.

| Grant Awards | |
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| Calendar Year 2005 | \$3,039,713 |
| Calendar Year 2006 | \$5,077,930 |
| Total | \$8,117,643 |